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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- Starting Saturday, July 25, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) will hold three different workshops to provide local non-profits with helpful information about how they can secure funding during this weak economy. In recent months, many non-profits throughout western Pennsylvania have struggled to make ends meet amidst increased demand and declining revenues.

“Everyday, local non-profits provide invaluable services to western Pennsylvania families,” Altmire said. “Unfortunately, because of the current recession, many non-profits are now struggling to raise funds to help meet local families’ needs. I hope that these workshops will provide local non-profits with tools they can use to raise revenue that will help them serve our communities.”

All three workshops are free of charge. To R.S.V.P., interested participants can call Congressman Altmire’s office at 724-378-0928 or email altmire.workshop@mail.house.gov.

Details on the workshops are as follows:

Saturday, July 25 - Foundation Grants: Getting the Most From Private & Corporate Foundations

Family Retreat Center
1100 Freeport Road
Mars, PA 16046
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Western Pennsylvania has a rich history of support from foundations. At this workshop, representatives from private foundations, corporate foundations, and the Foundation Center will share search tips and discuss what they look for in the organizations they support.

Saturday, August 15 - Government Grants: How to Find and Apply for State and Federal Grants

Springdale Municipal Building
325 School Street
Springdale, PA 15144
10:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.

Come learn about the different types of grants state and federal agencies offer and how to find them. Representatives of federal and state agencies will explain the competitive grant process, as well as how to write better applications.

Saturday, September 12 -- Fundraising for Small Non-Profit Organizations

Beaver Falls Municipal Building
715 15th Street
Beaver Falls, PA 15010
10:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.

This workshop will be led by Dee Jay Oshry – a well-regarded fundraiser and consultant who serves on the faculty of Duquesne University's Non-Profit Leadership Institute. Oshry will discuss how to develop an effective fundraising plan and fundraising best practices.